

MINUTES  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE  
MARCH 9, 2015

A.) OPENING CEREMONIES

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Council Meeting of the Township of Monroe was called to order at approximately 8:01 PM by **Cncl. Pres., Frank Caligiuri** in the Court Room of the Municipal Complex located at 125 Virginia Avenue, Williamstown, New Jersey.

This meeting was advertised pursuant to the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act (*NJSA 10:4-6 thru 10:4-21*). Notices were placed in the official publications for Monroe Township (i.e.: South Jersey Times, the Courier Post and the Sentinel of Gloucester County). A copy of that notice is posted on the bulletin board at the Municipal Complex.

**Cncl. Pres., Caligiuri** stated the Clerk has placed a sign-in sheet at the rear of the Court Room. If anyone would like to address Council during the Public Portion, please sign in and you will be asked to come forward to the microphone. Kindly state your name for the record.

SALUTE TO FLAG - INVOCATION

**Cncl. Miller** led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to Our Flag and **Pastor Robert Ralph** of the **New Brooklyn First United Methodist Church** offered the Invocation.

ROLL CALL OF TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

Cncl. Walter Bryson	Present	
Cncl. Marvin Dilks	Present	
Cncl. Rich DiLucia	Present	
Cncl. Bob Heffner	Present	
Cncl. Bart McIlvaine	Present	
Cncl. Cody Miller	Present	
Cncl. Pres., Frank Caligiuri	Present	
Mayor Daniel Teefy	Present	
Solicitor, Charles Fiore	Present	
Business Adm., Kevin Heydel	Present	
Engineer, Dave Cella	Present	
Dir. Of Code Enforcement, George Reitz	Present	
Dir. Of Public Safety, Jim Smart	Present	
Dir. Of Public Works, Bob Avis		Excused
Township Clerk, Susan McCormick	Present	

PRESENTATION - None

MAYOR APPOINTMENT

**Mayor Teefy** appointed **Ron Garbowski** as the Mayor's Proxy Member to the Monroe Township Library Board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Cncl. Miller** made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted of the Council Work Session and Regular Council Meeting of February 23, 2015. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Heffner** and approved by all members of Council with the exception of **Cncl. Dilks** who **Abstained**.

B.) CORRESPONDENCE - None

C.) RESOLUTIONS SCHEDULED - PUBLIC PORTION

**Cncl. Miller** made a motion to open the Resolutions Scheduled - Public Portion. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. DiLucia** and unanimously approved by all members of Council. With no one wishing to speak **Cncl. Bryson** made a motion to close the Resolutions Scheduled - Public Portion. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Miller** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

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C.) RESOLUTIONS SCHEDULED - PUBLIC PORTION (cont'd)

**R:59-2015** Resolution Adjusting Township Of Monroe Tax Records

**Cncl. Miller** made a motion to approve Resolution R:59-2015. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Dilks** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**R:60-2015** Resolution Authorizing A Mandatory Source Separation And Recycling Act (Tonnage Grant)

**Cncl. Miller** made a motion to approve Resolution R:60-2015. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. DiLucia** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**R:61-2015** Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing The Transfer Of Title Of A 1963 Chevy Wagon From The Township Of Monroe To The Monroe Township Ambulance & Rescue Association Within The Township Of Monroe

**Cncl. Miller** made a motion to approve Resolution R:61-2015. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Dilks** and approved by all members of Council with the exception of **Cncl. McIlvaine** who voted Nay.

**R:62-2015** Emergency Temporary Resolution Prior To Adoption Of The Budget Township Of Monroe, County Of Gloucester (Temporary Budget # 2)

**Cncl. Miller** made a motion to approve Resolution R:62-2015. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. DiLucia** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

D.) ORDINANCES

**Cncl. Pres., Caligiuri** turned this portion of the meeting over to **Ordinance Chairman, Cncl. Dilks**. **Cncl. Miller** made a motion to open the Public Hearing for Ordinance O:15-2015. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Pres., Caligiuri** and unanimously approved by all members of Council. With no one wishing to speak **Cncl. Miller** made a motion to close the Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. McIlvaine** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**O:15-2015** An Ordinance To Amend Section 175-135 Of The Zoning Ordinance Of The Township Of Monroe Regarding Signs

**Second Reading:** The above ordinance was published in an official publication for the Township of Monroe. This portion was opened to the public.

**Cncl. DiLucia** made a motion to approve Ordinance O:15-2015 for Second Reading and Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Bryson**.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE O:15-2015 - ALL AYES**

**Tally: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent.** Ordinance O:15-2015 was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

**O:16-2015** An Ordinance Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Appropriating A Sum Not To Exceed \$35,000.00 For Professional Services Related To The Installation Of An Irrigation System At Owens Park And Other Parks And Recreation Facility Improvements

**First Reading:** A copy of this ordinance was posted on the bulletin board at the Municipal Complex. Additional copies were made available to the public.

**Cncl. Miller** made a motion to approve Ordinance O:16-2015 for First Reading and Publication. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Heffner** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

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**D.) ORDINANCES (cont'd)**

**O:17-2015** An Ordinance To Further Amend The Code Of The Township Of Monroe Establishing Rates Of Compensation To Officers And Employees Of The Township Of Monroe (*Human Resource/Claims Coordinator*)

**First Reading:** A copy of this ordinance was posted on the bulletin board at the Municipal Complex. Additional copies were made available to the public.

**Cncl. DiLucia** made a motion to approve Ordinance O:17-2015 for First Reading and Publication. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Bryson** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**O:18-2015** An Ordinance Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe To Amend Chapter 175 Of The Code Of The Township Of Monroe, Entitled "Land Management" (*Chapter 175-127 "Limitation of Principal Uses"*)

**First Reading:** A copy of this ordinance was posted on the bulletin board at the Municipal Complex. Additional copies were made available to the public.

**Solicitor Fiore** noted this Chapter 175 Ordinance was not reviewed by the Planning Board yet. We are going through with First Reading and then the Planning Board will review and make a recommendation for the record at their Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Cncl. Miller** made a motion to approve Ordinance O:18-2015 for First Reading and Publication. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Pres., Caligiuri** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**E.) REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS**

**Cncl. Miller** reported attending a workshop in Metuchen, New Jersey entitled "*Organizing Your Downtown For Success*". What he took from this workshop was that the Mayor is on the right track with trying to market Main Street by organizing members in our community and addressing local ordinances that need to be changed to help make Main Street more marketable to local businesses. He also met with the Director of Business Relations for the Township of Medford, Beth Portocalis who advised him their new mayor and council faced similar issues and changed some of their ordinances and worked with members of the community to make their Main Street thrive. **Cncl. Miller** noted he will continue discussions with her as she is willing to attend a Main Street Committee Meeting. Under the direction of Mayor Teefy **Cncl. Miller** noted he would be attending a luncheon meeting with Collingswood Mayor Jim Maley who is a redevelopment attorney and was instrumental in the redevelopment of Collingswood. After the meeting he would make a report to the Mayor, the Main Street Committee and Council. He noted under the Mayor's leadership we are on the right track we just need clear marketing and a clear process for any business that wants to set up shop in Monroe Township. In the future he will also be meeting with Gloucester County Economic Development Director Tom Bianco who walked with us along Main Street to see what we were dealing with. While the goal is to get new business we must not forget about current ones and do everything in our power to keep them in business. He extended his appreciation to the Mayor for his leadership on this and noted he looks forward to seeing Main Street improve and thrive.

**Mayor Teefy** reported a young lady was hired to fill the part-time clerk position in the Tax Office and on Friday interviews were held and an offer was made for the part-time clerk position in the Community Affairs Office. Job responsibilities of the Community Affairs position and the Parks and Rec position will begin to be combined so those jobs can be shared. The Mayor reported six very good candidates were interviewed for the positions and it was a difficult choice but he felt the right individuals were hired and in the future these employees will be eligible to move into full-time positions. On Wednesday night the Mayor will hold interviews with five candidates for the police officer positions and those selections will be made this week as well.

**Engineer Dave Cella** reported bids for Phase VI of the Winslow Road Project will be opened on April 2<sup>nd</sup> and the bid will be awarded at the April 13<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.

